REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1-6 and 11 have been amended. Claims 7-10 and 12-25 have been cancelled

without prejudice. New claims 26-35 have been added. Therefore, claims 1-6, 11 and

26-35 are presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final

Office Action, mailed May 25, 2007.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-6 and 11-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated

by Cook, et al., U.S. Patent No.6, 922,776 ("Cook").

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A method comprising:
registering a first party and a second party with a database at a server, wherein the
    first part is registered as a party relying on a second party's certificate;
revoking the second party's certificate after registering the first party, wherein the
    revocation is performed according to a revocation policy; and
initiating communication with the first party to indicate that the second party's
    certificate has been revoked, wherein the communication includes
    notifying the first party that the second party's certificate has been
    revoked, wherein the notification is further sent to other parties registering
    with the database as relying on the second party's certificate.
(emphasis added)

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the

reference and the pending claims. For example, Cook discloses a "scalable system for

notification of a change in condition of an electronic certificate is provided. The system

includes a network of servers capable of providing notification of changes in conditions

of electronic certificate to an unlimited number of users. The system includes a first

server comprising a detection module and a notification module. The system having at

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least one server capable of actively monitoring and detecting changes in conditions of a certificate. Other CAP servers in the system may and/or may not actively monitor electronic certificates at the same time. That is, these CAP servers may actively monitor conditions of electronic certificates at the same time they play passive roles (e.g., not monitoring the electronic certificates for which they will be notified of changes from another CAP server)." (Abstract).

In contrast, claim 1, as amended, in pertinent part, recites "initiating communication with the first party to indicate that the second party's certificate has been revoked, wherein the communication includes notifying the first party that the second party's certificate has been revoked, wherein the notification is further sent to other parties registering with the database as relying on the second party's certificate". Cook does not reach or reasonably suggest initiating communication with the first party to indicate that the second party's certificate has been revoked, wherein the communication includes notifying the first party that the second party's certificate has been revoked, wherein the notification is further sent to other parties registering with the database as relying on the second party's certificate as recited by claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 its dependent claims.

Claim 11 contains limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1s its dependent claims.

New Claims

New claim 36 contains limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 36 and its dependent claims are distinguished over the cited reference.

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35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 7-10 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being

unpatentable over Cook, et al., U.S. Patent No.6, 922,776 ("Cook") in view of Kaliski,

Jr., U.S. Patent No.6,085,320 ("Kaliski").

Claims 7-10 and 22-25 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby

earnestly requested.

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